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## Vietnam

### Grain and Feed

### Rice Weekly Update

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**Report Highlights:** Vietnamese domestic rice prices dropped by VND 300-400/kg (or about \$20-27/mt) due to the peak harvest of the Summer-Autumn rice in the Mekong River Delta. Export prices, however, changed very little from those of last week.

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**Indicative price (Week ending July 09, 2004)****Vietnam rice export prices (FOB basis) for various grades**

Grade % Broken	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Period Averages	
								Current Average	Previous (July 02)
5	228	228	228	228	227	227	227	227.57	228.28
10	224	225	225	225	224	224	224	224.43	224.71
15	220	220	219	219	218	219	220	219.29	220.00
25	216	216	215	215	215	215	215	215.28	216.29

Source: Average indicative prices from exporters

Vietnamese domestic paddy prices dropped by VND 300-400/kg (approx. \$20-27/mt) due to the peak harvest of the Summer-Autumn (S-A) rice in the Mekong River Delta (MRD). However, export prices only declined a little compared to the prices quoted last week.

Rice exporters are mainly offering 25% broken rice because the early-harvest S-A rice is generally of low quality. According to traders, export prices will probably decline, a little, over the coming weeks. Reportedly, rich farmers are stockpiling rice, anticipating higher prices in the long run, while cash-constricted farmers are in hurry to sell their paddy before domestic prices drop any further.

**Exports**

The following are reported rice exports (metric tons) from June 26 to July 2, 2004.

Week ending	Quantity	4-WK Avg.	Year to date	Year ago
May 14	83,000	83,750	1,585,000	1,395,000
May 21	80,000	96,250	1,665,000	1,470,000
May 28	110,000	92,500	1,775,000	1,610,000
June 04	100,000	93,250	1,875,000	1,785,000
June 11	31,000	80,250	1,906,000	1,857,000
June 18	64,000	76,250	1,970,000	1,947,000
June 25	61,000	64,000	2,031,000	2,156,000
July 02	131,000	71,750	2,162,000	2,250,000

**Vietnam won rice tender in the Philippines.**

According to the Vietnam Food Association (Vietfood), the Southern Food Company (Vinafood 2) has won a tender to supply 150,000 mt of rice to the Philippines (out of the 200 tmt the Philippines is buying). The prices (C&F) offered by Vinafood 2 were \$243/mt for prompt cash payment, and \$248/mt for deferred payment of six months.

**Vietnam attending rice tender in South Korea.**

According to the Ministry of Trade, Vinafood 1, the other state-owned rice exporting company, is representing Vietnam at a rice tender of about 300-400 tmt by South Korea.

**Vietnam donates rice to North Korea.**

On June 23, 2004, Vietnam's Prime Minister signed a decision to donate food aid of 1,000 mt of 20% broken rice to North Korea. The rice will be taken from Vietnam's National Food Reserve.

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